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SUBJECT:PROPOSED VISIT TO USS ENTERPRISE BY ROC MILITARY
OFFICERS AND EMBOFFS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT USN NUCLEAR
POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ENTERPRISE WILL BE IN INTERNA-
TIONAL WATERS TO THE EAST OF TAIWAN, MAKING ITS WAY
TOWARD THE PHILIPPINES, ON SEPTEMBER 22 OR 23. WE HAVE
BEEN TOLD THAT THE USN PROPOSES TO INVITE DCM, POLCON,
AND HIGH RANKING ROC MILITARY OFFICERS TO FLY FROM TAI-
WAN TO VISIT THE SHIP.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USN AIRCRAFT CARRIERS PASSING TAI-
WAN IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN THE PAST HAVE ALSO INVITED
ROC MILITARY OFFICERS TO VISIT. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE
ANY INFORMATION ON THE TYPE(S) OF CARRIERS INVOLVED.
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WOULD THIS PROPOSED VISIT MARK THE FIRST TIME THAT ROC OF-
FICERS WERE INVITED TO FLY OUT TO A USN NUCLEAR-POWERED
AIRCRAFT CARRIER? IF THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME, WHEN
DURING THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS HAVE ROC OFFICERS
VISITED A USN NUCLEAR POWERED CARRIER? CHRISTOPHER

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